

## **House Committee on Commerce**

Minutes of Meeting  
2021 Regular Session  
April 20, 2021

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman of the House Committee on Commerce, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Paula P. Davis, chairwoman  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Royce Duplessis  
Representative Bryan Fontenot  
Representative Brett F. Geymann  
Representative Jonathan Goudeau, I  
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty, vice chairwoman  
Representative Edmond Jordan  
Representative Danny McCormick  
Representative Markham Scott McKnight  
Representative Candace N. Newell  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver  
Representative Polly Thomas  
Representative Debbie Villio

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Paul Hollis

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Halie Guidry, legislative analyst  
Charlotte Cravins, attorney  
Allie King, committee administrative assistant  
Nevonda S. Reed, director  
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 365 by Representative Farnum**

On behalf of Representative Farnum, Mr. Joe Mapes, Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders, 731 Lakeland Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 268-8572, presented House Bill No. 365, which provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

Representative Davis offered amendments to House Bill No. 365 to:

- (1) Restore present law to require three members of the commission be owners of racehorses which participate in any race licensed by the commission.
- (2) Change the requisite membership of one of the three owner-members from a nominee of the Louisiana Horse Breeders Association to a member of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Industry.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Mr. Bruce Salard, Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeder Association, 105 Carlyon Ln., Alexandria, LA 71303, (318) 487-9506, spoke in support of House Bill No. 365.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Jordan, McCormick, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 365 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 365 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Jordan, McCormick, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 532 by Representative St. Blanc**

Representative St. Blanc presented House Bill No. 532, which provides relative to the contract limit for certain common carrier certificate requirements for movers of household goods.

Mr. Emory Belton, Household Goods Movers Association, 7266 Tom Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 615-0212, spoke in support of House Bill No. 532.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 532 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 532 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 327 by Representative Villio**

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 327, which provides relative to advanced esthetics.

Representative Villio offered amendments to House Bill No. 327 to:

- (1) Prohibit an esthetician from engaging in any service that can cause pinpoint bleeding.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Rhonda Butler, Cosmetology, 6901 US Hwy. 167 N., Ville Platte, LA 70586, (337) 224-0491, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 327.

Ms. Sherri Morris, Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, 8480 Bluebonnet Blvd., Suite F, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-0803, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 327.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 327 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 327 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 476 by Representative Schamerhorn**

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 476 on April 26, 2021. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 476.***

Representative Schamerhorn presented House Bill No. 476, which provides relative to broadband.

Representative Davis offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 476. Representative Davis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Mr. Michael Hebert, Acadiana Planning Commission, 201 Rue Beauregard, Lafayette, LA 70508, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Mr. Brandon Frey, Louisiana Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 342-5163, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 476.

Ms. Monique Bouet, Acadiana Planning Commission, 101 Jefferson St., Suite 201, Lafayette, LA 70501, (337) 298-6137, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Mr. Bryan Vidrine, Evangeline Parish Police Jury, 415 Scenic Dr., Ville Platte, LA 70586, (337) 298-8126, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Mr. Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish Government, 118 S. Court St., Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Mr. Larry Richard, Iberia Parish Government, 300 Iberia St., New Iberia, LA 70560, (337) 247-6000, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Mrs. Dane Hebert, Vermilion Parish Police Jury, 100 N. State St., Abbeville, LA 70510, (337) 523-2598, spoke in support of House Bill No. 476.

Representative Jordan offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 476. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 476 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Green, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 6 in opposition.

**House Bill No. 466 by Representative Jordan**

Representative Jordan presented House Bill No. 466, which provides relative to credit unions.

Representative Jordan offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill to House Bill No. 466. Representative Jordan offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 466 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 466 was reported by substitute by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McKnight, Newell, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 2 for information only.

**House Bill No. 502 by Representative Stefanski**

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 502, which provides relative to dealer warranty compensation.

Mr. Will Green, Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, 7526 Picardy Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 769-5500, spoke in support of House Bill No. 502.

Mr. Jeff Perry, General Motors, 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48265, (248) 321-2246, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 502.

Mr. Larry Murray, Gulf State Toyota, 3650 Morning Glory Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 413-8705, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 502.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 502 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 502 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 1 in opposition, and 2 for information only.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thomas offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Davis, Cox, Duplessis, Fontenot, Geymann, Goudeau, Hilferty, Jordan, McCormick, McKnight, Newell, St. Blanc, Tarver, Thomas, and Villio voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairwoman Paula P. Davis  
House Committee on Commerce

Date adopted: